

Farmington News

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REDUCE YOUR CHANCE OF BEING VICTIMIZED

by the Farmington City Police Department

The results of our recent citizen survey are encouraging. The responses indicate that our citizens feel safe and protected in our community. Fortunately, we have very low levels of violent crimes such as homicide, rape and other violent personal crimes. However, property crimes such as vehicle burglary, residential burglary, auto theft and identity theft do rise from year to year.

To better protect yourselves, we ask you to practice some simple dos and don'ts. **Don't** leave the

doors of your home or vehicle unlocked. **Don't** leave valuables in an unattended vehicle. **Do** leave porch or security lights on. **Do** report any suspicious activity.

These simple steps greatly reduce your chance of being victimized. By working together, we can make our community even safer than it already is. For more safety tips please visit the Police Department website at www.farmington.utah.gov. Additional information on statistics can also be found at www.bci.utah.gov. ■

SPRING CLEANING?

Saturday, April 14th is an extra automated garbage collection day for Farmington residents. Set your container at the curb by 6 am and it will be picked up.



WHAT HAPPENS TO MY GARBAGE?

DOES DAVIS COUNTY RECYCLE?

visit the website
(farmington.utah.gov)
for interesting statistics

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Public Works Director

EMERGENCY AWARENESS FAIR

April 21, 2007

by Paul White
Farmington City
Emergency Preparedness Director

Mark April 21st on your calendar for the 5th Annual Farmington Emergency Awareness Fair! The fair will be held from 9 am until 2 pm at Farmington Junior High School.

Booths with information about insurance, banking, emergency supplies and other topics will help you to recognize and respond to your family's needs in an emergency situation. Learn how to put out a fire with a fire extinguisher. Taste emergency preparedness food found in a typical 72 hour kit. Get information on first aid and radio communications in the time of a disaster.

Also offered will be an emergency preparedness class which will allow young men in scouting to

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Let's Talk About Fire Safety Issues

Since Farmington has experienced recent life-threatening foothill fires in 2003 and 2006, it is important that residents understand both Davis County and Farmington City fire restrictions for the upcoming season. Following are the policies that are in force. Please read them and notify the Fire Department if you see any violations.

Davis County Fire Restrictions:

No open burns (including recreation burns) in unincorporated areas on east bench (mainly above fire break road in the Farmington area) EXCEPT farming or horticultural operations; fruit orchards of two or more acres with 25 or more fruit trees.

Farmington City Fire Restrictions:

Recreational fires are permitted with the following restrictions:

- Authorization by Farmington Fire (451-2842).
- Notification to Sheriff's Office Dispatch that burn has been authorized by City in case 911 calls are received on it.

When conducting a recreational burn, we strongly suggest:

- Having a standby water supply to put it out.
- A cell phone for emergency calls.
- Adult supervision. ■

Emergency Awareness Fair continued
complete most of the requirements for their merit badge. Contact Paul White to sign up for the class and to learn about requirements that must be completed prior to the fair in order to earn the emergency preparedness merit badge.

Fun and prizes will be given by local area sponsors, and a few surprise visits from local mascots and personalities are expected.

All of this is free. Come for a little while or spend all day. For more information contact your neighborhood emergency preparedness coordinator or call 451-5108. Thank you—and we look forward to seeing you there! ■

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Meet Our Dedicated

FARMINGTON YOUTH CITY COUNCIL



Returning FYCC Members:

Alex Crowley, Daniel Barnett, Brianna Hall, Jen Torres, Katherine Ashby, Laura Barfuss, Lyndsay Simmons, Michael Creager, Michelle Tiem, Natalie Selin, Sharisa Pergler

New FYCC Members:

Michelle Alder, Kephren Bernhisel, Rebecca Burnham, Allison Christensen, Makenzie Court, Adam Creager, Sydney Gibson, Lindsay Hall, Rachel Hill, Mareille Jewett, Anthony King, Rachel Mann, Jessica Mansell, Cody Nelson, Madeline Newhouse, Jessica Smith, Katie Swanson, Emily Wahlstrom, Dereck Wesche, Tia Wesche, Alexis Wiscombe

THE PATIENCE & TOLERANCE OF GROWTH



a Message from Mayor Scott Harbertson

In February of this year, the City Council presented an article about growth in the Farmington Newsletter. I would like to share my thoughts on this subject and request your consideration and understanding about the growth challenges Farmington is now facing. Change, caused by growth, is all around our fair City. Just driving from neighborhood to neighborhood, we see visual signs and results of growth, i.e., construction, disruption, dust, dirt, debris, and orange traffic cones. As you can well imagine, the signs of growth and change will likely get worse before they get better. In the last two or three years, the City has processed

the approval of more residential subdivisions and issued more building permits than ever before in Farmington's history.

We are told by our legal advisors that the City cannot shut down growth. But what we, as City officials can and are responsible to do is to manage that growth. Managing the growth has kept appointed and elected officials extremely busy. Our meeting agendas are full and the amount of effort spent on growth-related issues consumes more than seventy-five percent of our time. Our City employees, especially those processing and managing the growth, are very busy and overburdened.

In the midst of our municipal service, we have made an effort to recheck Farmington's vision with the help of dozens of citizens, appointed and elected officials, and key City employees. The City Council and I are committed to preserve and build up Farmington's sense of community and place. In the

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Due to spring break, there will *not* be a City Council meeting on April 3rd or a Town Hall Meeting on April 4th.

April 7	SAT	Easter Egg Hunt Woodland Park 300 South 200 East	10:00 am
April 12	THURS	Planning Commission Meeting 130 North Main Street	7:00 pm for agenda see farmington.utah.gov
April 12 & April 14		"Fiddler on the Roof" Auditions Community Arts Center	see details on page 4
April 17	TUES	City Council Meeting 130 North Main Street	7:00 pm for agenda see farmington.utah.gov
April 18	WED	Town Hall Meeting <i>an open forum discussion with Mayor Harbertson and a City Council Member</i>	7:00 pm no agenda open discussion
April 19	THURS	City Trails Committee Meeting 130 North Main Street	7:00 pm for agenda see farmington.utah.gov
April 21	SAT	Emergency Awareness Fair Farmington Jr. High 150 South 200 West	9:00 am - 2:00 pm
April 25	WED	Historic Preservation Commission 130 North Main Street	7:30 pm public welcome
April 25 - April 28		"Anything Goes", Spring Dinner Theater Community Arts Center	see details on page 4
April 26	THURS	Planning Commission Meeting 130 North Main Street	7:00 pm for agenda see farmington.utah.gov
May 1	TUES	City Council Meeting 130 North Main Street	7:00 pm for agenda see farmington.utah.gov
May 1 - May 25		Early Bird Discount Pool Passes Leisure Services 720 West 100 North	
May 2	WED	Town Hall Meeting <i>an open forum discussion with Mayor Harbertson and a City Council Member</i>	7:00 pm no agenda open discussion

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Leisure Services451-0953
Building Inspection.....451-2383
Water Department.....451-2624
Planning & Zoning.....451-2383
Historical Museum.....451-4850
Animal Control444-2200
Garbage825-3800
Benchland Water District...482-4929
Weber Water District.....771-1677

After Hours Emergency

Davis County Sheriff.....451-4150
Emergency911

Public Meetings

City Council: Generally the first and third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers. Work Sessions begin at 5:30 pm.

Planning Commission

Generally the second and fourth Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers.

Farmington City Hall

130 North Main
P O Box 160
Farmington, Utah 84025

Leisure Services

720 West 100 North 451-0953 extension 4

Summer Musical Auditions for "Fiddler on the Roof"

Auditions will be held on Thursday, April 12th from 6-9 pm and Saturday, April 14th from 9 am-noon at the Community Arts Center. Come prepared to sing and read from the script. You may choose to prepare a short monologue & 32 bars from a Broadway show tune. Ages 8 up may audition. A participation fee of \$25.00 is due at time of audition. This fee covers a cast picture & T-shirt. Auditioners under age 18 need a parent present. Everyone will be able to participate, audition is for placement only. Rehearsals will be on Tuesday & Thursday evenings & Saturday mornings. Performances dates are July 12, 13, 19, 20 & 21st at Woodland Park.

The Farmington Pool opens Saturday, May 26th

Early Bird Discount Pool Passes

Tuesday, May 1 - Friday, May 25
Individual Season Pass \$45
Family Pass (5 members) \$125

Swim Lesson Registration

Residents: Monday, May 7 online
only beginning 8 am
Open registration: May 14 online
or at Leisure Services

Regular season prices begin Saturday, May 26th

"Anything Goes" Spring Dinner Theatre

The S.S. American, sailing from New York to England, carries an unusual group of passengers. Included amongst them is a gangster (Moonface Martin), a wealthy debutante and her mother (Hope and Evangeline Harcourt), a nightclub singer (Reno Sweeny), and a wealthy New York businessman and his stowaway assistant (Billy Crocker and Elisha Witney). It turns out that Hope is Billy's long-lost love. Unfortunately, she is now engaged to a wealthy Englishman, Lord Evelyn Oakleigh. After a series of comedic happenings, Billy manages to win back Hope. Meanwhile, Billy's friend, Reno, manages to seduce and win Lord Evelyn. All this happens while Moonface Martin attempts to escape the law and Hope's mother strives to maintain her social status.

Performance dates are April 25, 26, 27 & 28th at 7:00 pm with a special matinee on the 28th at 1:00 pm at the Community Arts Center. Tickets are \$15.00 per person, which includes dinner & show. Matinee is \$8.00. All tickets must be purchased by April 20th. Leisure Services (720 W 100 N) or online at farmington.utah.gov.

Come sit back, relax and watch comedy theatre come alive!

Farmington's Easter Egg Hunt
will be held on Saturday, April
7th, 10:00 am at Woodland Park
(300 South 200 East)

APRIL CLASSES

for details go to farmington.utah.gov

Art

Anger Management

Cardio / Toning

Chinese Cooking

Gymnastics

Karate

Partner N Play

Play On!

Scrapbooking

Yoga



Don't forget the Relay for Life Kickoff April 9th. Families and individuals are invited to attend to learn more about the relay and about how you can join the fight against cancer.

To get involved or to get information, please call Jennifer Smith at 915-7779.

WALT PUBLIC

...thankful for a job that he believes in, for the opportunity to do a bit of good, and for the privilege of being surrounded by committed people.



"I love to go out on the backhoe with the guys," Walt Hokanson reflects, leaning back in his chair and looking toward the window. "They're just so dedicated. It's amazing to me that with all the money in private industry, we've been able to keep the quality of workers we have. They've had good offers, but they stay because they've started something here. I've got the best crew in the state of Utah."

Walt has been Farmington's Public Works Director for sixteen years, and what he and his crew have started goes far beyond maintenance. "We're builders. We're not just maintainers. It's rewarding and we've saved the taxpayers a bunch of money," Walt explains, referring, among other things, to Heritage Park, as well as to a new 13-acre park slated for development in the Ranches. Walt is quick to share the credit.

HOKANSON WORKS DIRECTOR

It's people like Neil Miller, Parks Superintendent; Ray White, Streets Supervisor; Larry Famuliner, Water Supervisor; and Brad Thurgood, who oversees the maintenance of vehicles and equipment, who make possible the building of parks outstanding for their beauty and functionality. And Walt emphasizes, "each one of these guys have 3-4 excellent full time workers. These are people who take pride in their jobs, who get up in the middle of the night to plow the snow or stop a water leak. They do it for the love of the work."

It's easy for Walt to care about Farmington because the city is part of Davis County, where he has lived his entire life. He attended Clearfield High then went on to Weber State. But he just "couldn't get used to a job that didn't involve working in the dirt. I even love the



cold weather." So he spent a number of years in the construction industry, where he learned much about excavation, road building, and water system design and implementation. Several of these jobs brought him to Farmington, and he quickly grew to admire the city both for the quality of its leadership and for its community-oriented residents.

So when he was offered the position as Public Works Director, he accepted without hesitation. He immediately observed that "when you have good leadership in a town, it trickles down." Each Mayor he has worked with "has had his individual strengths and ways of doing things, but they all have been so dedicated. Max Forbush, City Manager, is equally dedicated. It's the same with the City Councils. And the Fire Chief and Police Chief."

But it is the leadership and the citizens working together that distinguishes Farmington. "I wasn't around for the floods of '83," Walt recalls. "But we've had 4-5 since then. We've had east wind damages. We've had fires. And every time, people are so willing to jump in and help." Beyond that, "people are so willing to serve on committees and volunteer groups."

Every day when Walt leaves work to drive home to his family and to his small horse ranch, he feels thankful for a job that he believes in, for the opportunity to do a bit of good, and for the privilege of being surrounded by committed people. "I once thought I'd return to work in the private sector," Walt reminisces. "But now I hope to keep this job until I retire." ■

Message from the Mayor continued

midst of all the growth that has been experienced, we cannot afford to forget what our community is about. That is the reason for the visioning statements recently developed and the Strategic Plan recently completed. (Please see the Farmington City website for a list of the Strategic Plan Goals.)

I would like to invite all Farmington residents to consider and enhance our responsibility as good citizens during this period of change and transition. There are positive things you can do to help us in preserving Farmington as a wonderful place to live. Here are a few of my suggestions for your consideration:

1- Report construction and traffic hazards as you walk and drive about the City. Many eyes looking at our community help to keep the community safe.

2- If you have concerns about any City operation, policy, or direction, let us know your opinions. Moreover, we would like to hear the positives and the negatives, as your opinions help City leaders evaluate where we are going. Please check out the City website. Send us emails or attend one of the informal town hall meetings that are held specifically to hear your concerns one-on-one.

3- Ask questions. Learn the facts before you jump to conclusions. Most issues have two sides. Look at both sides and then express your views. Be careful not to label or malign without becoming more knowledgeable and informed about the issues.

During these periods of significant development, differences of opinions arise on how the City is being allowed to be developed, managed, and operated. This is normal. What has made Farmington great in the past is that its citizens really do care about what is going on. Your elected officials believe Farmington's sense of community is alive and well. When we receive your comments and suggestions, they are valued, carefully considered, and appreciated. As your Mayor, I thank you for caring about Farmington and ask your continued patience, tolerance, and civility during these periods of public debate and input. Thanks for listening to what's been on my mind.■

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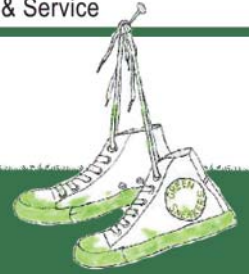
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